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To whom it may concern:

I am a concern resident on the Monterey Bay and avid scuba diver in the bay and surrounding areas. I am writing today about my concern for the adoption of the so called "Package S" alternative to Package 1 and Package 2.

In my opinion, Package 2 is superior to Package S both as an effective network and as a social and economic plan. Package S seems a vastly inferior to Package 2 in protecting dive sites and popular spots for other no-take recreation.

I have dived all over the world, up and down the California coast and the Channel Islands. One of the most special dive areas I know is the area Known as the Carmel Pinnacles area. Package S's Carmel Pinnacles Reserve is too small to achieve social and economic benefit to divers and the Monterey-area dive industry. This is a spectacular area, a true jewel in our very back yard and deserves all the protection we can give it.

I also feel that Package S's protections along the Pacific Grove shore are scarcely better than the status quo. This clearly ignores the stated wishes of residents and many visitors to that community.

I urge you to reconsider adopting Package S and please adopt Package 2.

Sincerely yours'

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